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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 29, 30, 32 and 33, without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 and 56-68 are pending in the instant application. Claims 42-50 and 56-68 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner in light of Applicants' election with traverse to the Restriction Requirement dated March 14, 2001. Claims 1-41 or Group I, as referred to by the Examiner in the March 14, 2001 Restriction Requirement, are now subjected to further restriction. Specifically, the Examiner suggests that Group I (claims 1-41) includes patentably distinct inventions, namely the amino acid sequences in claim 29 (Group A), 30 (Group B), 32 (Group C) and 33 (Group D). The Examiner suggests that Groups A-D (claims 29, 30, 32 and 33) are drawn to materially different amino acid sequences as evidenced by separate sequence residues/SEQ ID Numbers and bear distinct structural and biochemical properties and have different binding epitopes.

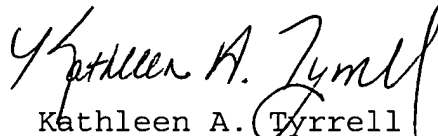
Accordingly, in an earnest effort to advance the prosecution of this case and as agreed to with Examiner Cook in a Telephone Interview conducted on May 22, 2002, Applicants are canceling claims 29, 30, 32 and 33, without prejudice.

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Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to this Restriction Requirement and favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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